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## ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART  
District Superintendent



### "COUNT ME IN" I BELIEVE IN MY CHURCH

Assemblies of God people should first support the projects of their own church before contributing to others. Although there are many other fine organizations who do a "good work" (not all are shyster or religious racketeers), the Assemblies of God, both on the national and district levels, deserves the loyal support of its members.

I am a member of the Assemblies of God because I believe its doctrines, its principles, its practices, and its goals. I subscribe to its fellowship and to its discipline. It is Biblical. As a member I have a responsibility to support my church in its united efforts to evangelize the world. My support will strengthen that effort that much more. My effort alone may not amount to very much but with yours and his and hers and theirs, it mounts up and does make a difference.

Thomas E. Dewey, former governor of New York, was considered a "cinch" to win the presidential election. The Republicans were congratulating themselves even before the final tabulations were announced. The result? Dewey lost. Why? Thousands of voters were so sure that he would win that they did not think their votes would make much difference; they didn't vote.

I must not ignore the fact my church and its many facets of ministry needs my support, however small it may be. I must support my church's efforts because they have

been initiated by God's anointed, Spirit-filled men who have caught the heavenly vision.

### I TRUST MY CHURCH

The purpose of Assemblies of God projects at home and abroad is not to elevate any one man but rather to glorify Christ. Frankly I have a greater confidence and feel more comfortable when I make my spiritual investment through my church rather than entrust it to the hands of some independent individual.

"In the multitude of counselors there is wisdom."

I can trust spiritual leadership in my church and fellowship to use my tithes and offerings on approved projects for which it was stated and in the World Ministries Giving program as designated. Funds turned over to the church are carefully recorded, receipts issued, and the money dispensed with prayerful study and care so as to obtain maximum and lasting results for God's kingdom. I appreciate the periodic reports that tell me of a wonderful work accomplished. I am also advised of the facts that indicate we could do an even greater work for God if more funds were available.

The worldwide evangelistic efforts of the Assemblies of God are in conformity with the Word of God and with the desires of the General and District Councils. They are not the decisions of one man. The varied projects are the fruits of the inspired study of Spirit-filled men, each of

## Revivaltime

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### A FOXHOLE WAS OUR ALTAR

After a day of bitter fighting in the Vietnam jungle, we had dug in for the night, and a sergeant who was sharing my foxhole turned on his little transistor radio. I heard the familiar voice of C. M. Ward, and we listened to the entire broadcast. As the Revivaltime choir sang the invitation hymn, my emotion completely gave way and I wept. I looked over at the sergeant in the hole with me, and there were tears streaming down his face also. I extended a personal invitation, and there in that muddy foxhole he accepted the Lord Jesus.



whom is a specialist in his field.

I have confidence in my church's efforts, in its decisions, and in its moves. I can be sure that what is done is done for the Lord. The past 50 years of growth both in the homeland and on foreign soil is a realistic demonstration of the kind of work I am proud to support.

I believe in the message and in the goals of the Assemblies of God. The goal of independent crusaders may change from time to time or may not be too clear, but there is nothing secretive about the position of my church. I know what it believes and what it is doing. It has a testimony that the world needs to hear. As a member of this Movement, I want to support its forward move for God. Count me in.

—Fred Smolchuck, Michigan  
District secretary-treasurer

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## FIRST CHURCH, OAKLAND, TO HOLD HOMECOMING AND TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR SCHOCH

On June 22, *First Church, Oakland*, will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the ministry of *Pastor and Mrs. Paul Schoch* and also welcome the Schochs home from a seven weeks missionary tour in the Far East. During their tour, Pastor Schoch will be speaking at the General Council in Singapore, also in Japan and the Philippines.

On the morning of June 22, the congregation will hear a report from Pastor Schoch and during the evening service, *Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart* will bring a special anniversary message.

Highlights from the ten years at First Church under Pastor Schoch's leadership are given as follows:

"The Missionary vision of the church has grown until as of now, we have for several years been the leading Missionary Church in the District and this year we are 4th in the nation. This has been due largely to two things. The Church has felt that its Pastor should accept overseas invitations to minister on the Mission Field, and we have come back with a renewed vision and a fervent ministry for Missions. The second reason is our Annual Missionary Convention held in the Fall where we prayerfully seek to guide the people to trust the Lord with Faith Promise giving. Last year's Missionary Convention, which will have its response in 1969, raised more than \$69,000.00. This kind of Missionary giving has enabled our Church to help support 45 Missionaries and Missionary projects monthly. Our desire is to have at least one Missionary representative in every country which the Assemblies of God is reaching with the Gospel.

Another program which has made great spiritual impact upon our Church has been our Family Camp where we, as a Church, take a week of vacation together and set aside morning and evening for spiritual instructions and inspiration. This has especially effected the children of our Church families and they would rather go to Family Camp than any place for their vacation.

The Church has been blessed financially and materially during these 10 years so that we have been able to purchase four pieces of property, two of which the houses have been demolished and a parking lot made. The Church has been completely redecorated and one portion



REV. AND MRS. PAUL SCHOCH

of the sanctuary and most of the second floor remodeled. The mortgage on the parsonage was paid off this year and funds are constantly being set aside for additional property acquisition.

We now have on our staff as Associate Pastor, Reverend Howard Rusthoi, former Evangelist and Military Chaplain, and as Minister of Music and Youth, Ron Anderson, a graduate of Bethany Bible College.

The Lord has opened new doors of ministry to us this year wherein we will have been on television one year (by June 22nd) on two television stations in Northern California with our half-hour LIFE FOR TODAY program. This new outreach has a possibility of touching over three million people in the Bay Area and the Modesto area with the Gospel. We have just signed a new contract with another station, *Channel 20*, which will replace our contract with *Channel 36*, and we began televising in living-color on May 4th.

For many years we directed the annual youth banquet, G A L A R A M A, which was held at the end of the school year at the time of the High School proms. The last two years there have been between five and six hundred young people attending this banquet.

I served on the founding committees of Teen Challenge, Campus Ministries, and the Oakland Rescue Missions, as well as serving as Presbyter of the East Bay Section for six years.

We have had the privilege while pastoring here, to direct two tours to the Holy Land, one in 1966 and one in 1968. We have also preached in Italy, Greece, England and Wales, besides visiting several other countries in Europe.

## TEEN CHALLENGE INC.

*D. H. Waltermann*, Executive Director, San Francisco Teen Challenge reports, "Last Sunday 55 decisions for Christ were made. These came as a result of just one outreach of the TC ministries. We are happy to report an unusual open door for ministry in the Haight-Ashbury district. Main liners are now moving into the area . . . there have been several murders recently . . . in spite of this our workers are reaching the young people. We nearly always have 15-20 young men in the center and many are experiencing instant deliverance from drugs.

Teen Challenge plans a summer street witness ministry. WE NEED Spirit-filled *young people* to contact our office if they are willing to accept the challenge of witnessing. Our Training sessions will be from June 24-27. LIVE IN . . . Ministers of the District are encouraged to become a part of the 'Live-In' ministry of the Center. We are making arrangements so that a minister can come, live in at the Center for two days, be with the boys and also share in the street ministry. The minister will be our guest for that period of time. For information contact the center: 959 So. Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 94110. Telephone (415) 285-1353.

"TV Channel 36, San Jose, recently afforded us prime time free of charge. Schools are opening for our drug prevention program. We would be happy to be on the campus in your community.

"We need the prayers and financial support of our churches and individuals. Teen Challenge presents one of the great mission fields.

"Please share with us in this ever-expanding ministry."

In 1962 we were requested to go to Malaysia for Youth Camp ministry and at that time our Church sent us on a seven-week Missionary trip which took us around the world. Our travels have taken us into 22 countries.

As to our own family, we entered into a new era of our lives with the marriage of our son, Herb, to Lila Anderson, a fine Christian girl from First Church on August 12, 1967. This year we have been elevated to the status of grandparents with the arrival of a lovely baby girl, Denise Lynette, on August 28, 1969. Our daughter, Kathy, is in her second year at Bethany Bible College at Santa Cruz."



# Faith IN A STRESS SITUATION!

A Report to the American Churches  
on  
RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES OF  
PUEBLO CREW

"Faith in a Stress Situation"  
by

Rear Admiral James W. Kelly  
Navy Chief of Chaplains

*"The uniform is beautiful!  
The cross is beautiful!"*

These were among the first words spoken by the PUEBLO Crew when they met Navy Chaplain Marvin E. Snyder, Jr., at the base camp near Panmunjon on the day of their release, December 23, 1969. (Ed: Chaplain Snyder is a minister of the Assemblies of God.) Most of the men expressed their joy at seeing the Chaplain with a broad smile; some were moved to tears. They described their release as a "miracle." It was "an answer to our prayers." "This is a happy day. We are going back to our wonderful country."

Commander Snyder, a Protestant chaplain, and Lieutenant Commander Edward A. Hamilton, a Catholic chaplain, were part of the Escort Team which met the PUEBLO Crew upon release and stayed with them until they were admitted to the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California.

The chaplains have given me a thrilling account of the religious experiences of these men, and have reported that almost to the man Protestant and Catholic Crew members during their confinement had moved in the direction of a deeper religious commitment, greater faith, and habitual prayer life. Their morale, patriotism, and their respect for their commanding officer and loyalty to one another were an inspiration. This is a report of some of their religious experiences.

One of the PUEBLO Lay Leaders (person who assists his command in religious ministrations), LT Stephen Harris, told how he had given up efforts to have worship services be-

fore the capture of the PUEBLO since never more than two showed up. But as one man said of his captivity, "All we had left was religion."

Some of the men said their memories of Sunday school days were dim, but they worked together to come up with a reasonably accurate list of the books of the Bible. Such familiar Scriptures as the 23rd Psalm were written out and shared. One mentioned that he had trouble remembering the Ten Commandments but with help came up with them. It seems everyone prayed openly before one another, although they had to avoid being seen in acts of worship by their captors.

They had no Bibles or religious materials. No worship services were permitted. They were told, "The Russians shot down God with a rocket!"

They were reprimanded for thanking God for their food (potato soup, rice, and turnips). They were told, "These are the gifts of the Korean people." One man when called out of the mess hall for saying grace said, "I was thanking God for His blessings." He was informed "This is a mess hall, not a church. You can't pray here." When one man made a wooden cross for his room it was kicked about by the guards, he reported, then later taken away from him.

Missionaries and ministers were held up to scorn by the North Koreans. They presented a picture of a priest siccing his dog on a child and another of a missionary branding a small boy in the forehead with the word "thief" for stealing an apple. The PUEBLO men were told that every cross in Korea was an antenna for sending espionage messages.

A petty officer related, "I left religion out of my life when I joined the Navy. I have a Japanese wife, and two lovely children who just love Sunday school, but I haven't helped my wife to become a Chris-

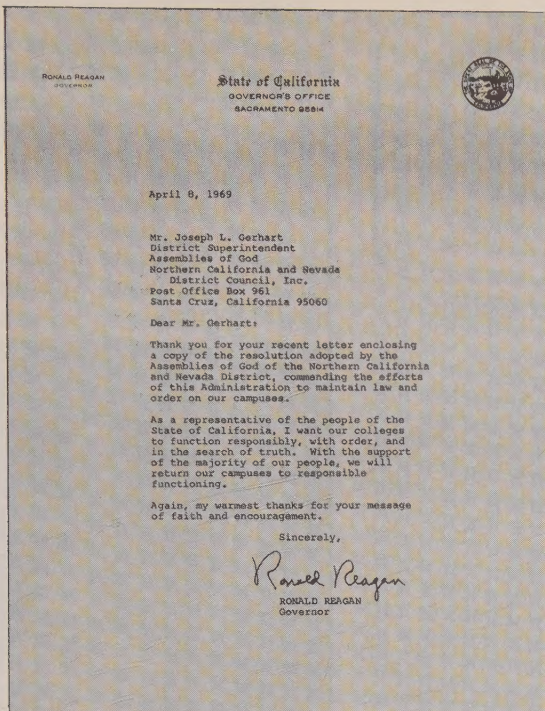
tian or encouraged the children. It is going to be different now." These statements were echoed time and again by these men.

There were other indicators given to the two chaplains of the spirit of the men during their captivity and of their efforts to keep their sanity. One man made his own "Monopoly" game with available materials. At night they played "Movie Hour." A man would endeavor to relate a movie he had seen. Others would piece in details. Soon they became very skilled at reconstruction as they probed their memories. This became an interesting diversion.

According to one of the men, efforts to drive a wedge between two Negro crew members and the others were as unsuccessful as were the efforts to destroy their faith or sell communism. This man said that his Negro roommate was called aside and told what a superior job he did in cleaning the building. He saw through efforts to "butter him up." When Martin Luther King was assassinated, the same man was taken aside and given sympathy for the terrible treatment which the American Negro was said to suffer. But his roommate related that the Negro lad stood up for his country and asserted that Negro and white alike enjoyed wonderful freedom in our country, probably even exaggerating the degree of equality which the Negro enjoys in America.

Everyone seemed to be asking about a worship service following their release. An Army Jewish Rabbi was made available to the two Jewish members of the PUEBLO Crew. Protestant Divine Services were conducted by Chaplain Snyder and a Catholic Mass by Chaplain Hamilton at the 121st Army Hospital at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively, on the day of the release. Almost every man attended and some must have attended both services. One or two were involved in medical procedures and were not present.





The following day a joint Protestant-Catholic Christmas Eve Service was held with Army Chaplain Morgan of the hospital joining our two Navy chaplains in the service. Every man attended. RADM Edward M. Rosenberg, USN, the officer in charge of the PUEBLO Escort Team, had made a very favorable impression on our two chaplains by his personal concern for the PUEBLO Crew and by his sincere interest in religion. He offered to participate in the service as did LT Harris of the PUEBLO. A Red Cross worker sang a solo. Admiral Rosenberg said of the service, "That is one wonderful Christmas Eve Service I will never forget." He was moved to tears during the worship, as were others.

It may be appropriate to mention the loyalty and admiration of the men for their commanding officer. As Captain Bucher entered one of the dining areas where Chaplain Snyder was visiting with the men as they ate, there was a spontaneous standing ovation for their skipper.

Perhaps the religious experience of the PUEBLO Crew during the long eleven months of their captivity can be summed up by saying that every effort to take away their faith in God only caused them to move in the direction of God. Every effort to subvert their faith only caused them to re-affirm it. I am certain that the men of the PUEBLO would want to give full credit for this to Almighty God.

### THE EASY LIFE

Sometime ago a person wrote to Dr. Billy Graham asking him why the minister had such an easy life when other men had to work so hard. Dr. Graham's answer was very interesting. It reads as follows:

"I wonder if your preacher would not like to change places with you. Any minister of the Gospel who is faithful in his work does not have it 'soft.' He works hard and he carries the spiritual welfare of you and all the members of the congregation in his heart and prayers. As a matter of fact, many ministers break down under the load they carry, part of it is the knowledge that so many to whom they minister are 'Sunday Christians' only.

"Much of his time is spent on Bible Study, prayer and the preparation of sermons. There are constant calls for counseling, visiting the sick, and other multiplied activities of the modern church. Not only is your pastor a preacher and counselor, he is also an administrator of whom much is expected.

"The Apostle Paul, the world's greatest itinerant missionary, wrote of his own burdens in these words, 'Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.'

"Your own pastor may have as part of his burdens, the indifference or criticism of members of his congregation. Don't add to that burden. Try to see his problems and help him as you can, and be sure to pray for him, too."

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

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### REVEREND AND MRS. RAY OLIVER . . .



. . . were guests at a lovely dinner given by the Executive Presbyters honoring Ray for the two years he served as an Executive Presbyter. During the evening, Superintendent Gerhart presented a plaque to Ray which read, "In Appreciation To Raymond C. Oliver, who faithfully served the Assemblies of God, Northern California and Nevada District Council as an Executive Presbyter, 1967-1969."

### PASTOR C. E. LAWRENCE . . .

. . . reports, "Calvary Assembly of Rio Linda has become engulfed by a tremendous missionary vision. The saying, 'A mission-giving church is a growing church,' is certainly true here. We have seen a spiritual awakening as well as a numerical growth. We have been honored to have had as missionary speakers, Paul Curry, American Indians, Helen Rye, Mexico, and Al Lewis, Mexico. Our C.A.'s have added Helen Rye to their mission-giving as well as purchasing a refrigerator for a national pastor in Puerto Rico. The church has added Reverend Lewis to our giving also."

### PASTOR BILL BEVERAGE, LeGRAND . . .

. . . reports, "We have just concluded a very successful Kid's Crusade with *Child-Evangelist Gladys Swanson*. We had many denominations in attendance. There were 110 registered with 101 present for the closing service. It was necessary to bring in extra seats and use the aisles in order to take care of the crowd."

### PASTOR DON NORTH, COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . San Francisco, "Revival coals burst into flames as Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Fort conducted a special meeting. Several souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Miracles of healing were experienced including a short leg lengthened right before our eyes. Praise God for His great power and grace. God blessed the Forts to our church in preaching and singing as well as praying for the sick. Evangelist Warren Parker was a blessing to us in April with good preaching and singing. The Ralph Hiatt family of Argentina conducted a Missionary-Revival type of convention during May. Pastor Don North and the congregation are trusting God for more of His blessing and power as well as increased Missions giving."



Visitors from Brazil call on Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart at the District Office. L to R: Pastor Tulio Barros, Main Church in Rio de Janeiro, 4,000 members; Missionary Bernhard Johnson, Brazil; Custodio Rangel, businessman from Rio who owns a plastics Mill-Factory and Supt. Gerhart.

### DONALD D. HARVEY . . .

. . . is the new pastor at *Weaverville*.

### REVEREND AND MRS. JOE SHERROD . . .

. . . of Paradise, Ca., recently conducted a good revival in a cooperative effort of the *Gualala Assembly* and the *Point Arena Assembly*. The first week of services was held at Gualala where *Seth Hartman* is pastor, and the second week at Point Arena, with *Pastor Harold Kahl*. The Sherrods have also been in special meetings at *Whitethorn* and *Milpitas*. They are open for meetings during the summer.

### REVEREND W. C. PEIRCE . . .

. . . is the guest speaker for an anniversary celebration in Kitchener, Ont., June 6-8.

### JIMMIE D. HAEFELE . . .

. . . has been elected to serve as Pastor of the *Community Assembly* in Modesto. Reverend Haeefele was formerly Associate Pastor to Floyd W. Thomas, Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.



PASTOR HAEFELE AND FAMILY

### J. L. JEFFREY . . .

. . . has recently resigned the *San Rafael Assembly*. He has moved to Santa Rosa where he will serve as Pastor of *Central Assembly*.

### WARREN BOYD . . .

. . . has been elected as Pastor of the *Greenville Assembly*.

### HUBERT CRAWFORD . . .

. . . is the new Pastor at *Kelseyville Assembly*.

### DAVID ELLIS . . .

. . . has accepted the *Westley Assembly's* call to serve as their pastor.

### PASTOR JOHN SURRATT . . .

. . . reports a good meeting at *Waterford Assembly* with Evangelists *John and Robert Stephens* of Exeter. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School is showing a steady increase in attendance.

### PASTOR R. S. ROBERSON . . .

. . . reports from *First Assembly, Tracy*, "Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Reddick concluded a three week revival in March. Attendance was excellent throughout the entire time. Thirty-six persons responded to the salvation call and twenty-six were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many persons testified of healings during the meetings. The anointed ministry of the evangelist and the importance he gave to fasting and prayer greatly benefited the congregation."



## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor and Mrs. Andrew Rahner, both ordained ministers, observed their fifteenth anniversary in January as pastors of the *Newark Assembly of God*. Reverend Joseph L. Gerhart, District Superintendent, spoke in a Sunday morning service in honor of this occasion.

The church, in recognition of this event, later surprised Pastor and Mrs. Rahner by presenting to them a one month vacation with an all-expense paid tour to the Holy Land and Europe. Mrs. Rahner enjoyed a previous trip several years ago, provided by the church, to South America for a three and a half month missionary-evangelism tour to Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Peru, and Jamaica, B.W.I. She ventured deep into the interior of Colombia where no white woman had ever gone before to preach the Gospel and hazarded her life to present the claims of Christ. The Newark church is missionary minded helping to support eleven missionary families on various foreign fields.



REV. AND MRS. ANDREW RAHNER

Among many other nice things the Newark Assembly has done for Pastor and Mrs. Rahner has been the providing of a brand new automobile about every two and a half years for their use.

Since coming to Newark many improvements have been made on the church buildings and grounds. Over one hundred and twenty five persons eighteen years and over have been added to the voting membership of the church and over three hundred adherents.

Building plans have been set for a new church edifice and drawings have been viewed by the congregation and approved. The new structure will be built in another location in the Newark-Fremont area. Ground for the new church was purchased nearly five years ago. The new sanctuary will accommodate over five hundred, and the Christian educational building will house the same number with room for expansion.

## MANTECA DEDICATION

The dedication service for the new \$210,000 addition of the First Assembly of God, Manteca, was conducted on March 23rd with Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart guest speaker for the special service.

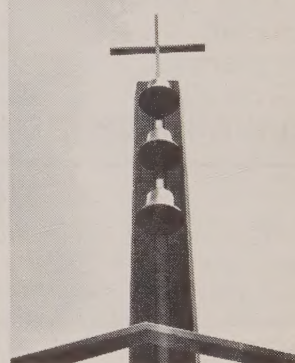
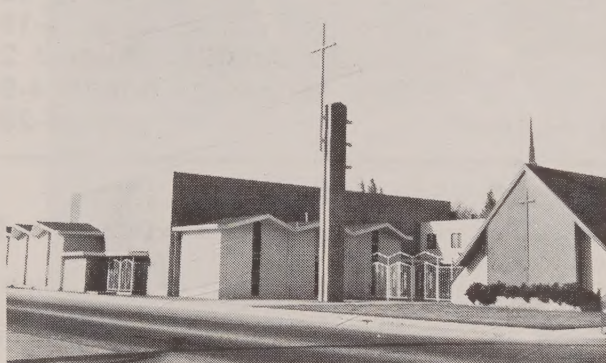
The church dates its beginning back to 1925 when a small group of Christians led by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aksland, met for Bible study and prayer in a rented building. The church was known as the "Full Gospel Mission." In 1932, the Mission purchased the building on the corner where it is presently located. In April 1952, Reverend *Donld Annas* was elected pastor of the church. Two years later the church began making plans for the three-unit building program. The first unit, which included a sanctuary seating 275, two smaller assembly halls and 14 classrooms, was completed in

November 1957. The second unit consisting of seven large classrooms, a pastor's office and multi-purpose room was completed in 1962.

In addition to the three-unit building program, in September 1967, the church opened a day nursery school. The school has a present enrollment of 60 students.

Pastor Annas states, "The success of the building programs cannot be attributed to any individual, but to the vision and harmony of the Church Council, the faith of the Church Body and most of all the goodness of God to whom we give all the glory."

Reverend Annas has spent almost 18 years as pastor of the church which is rather unusual for any young minister in view of the fact that this was his first pastorate.



#1. With the addition of a \$210,000 new church facility, the total assets of the First Assembly of Manteca stands at nearly one-half million dollars. This isn't the big thrill for Pastor Annas and congregation. Their rejoicing lies in the realization of their dream and the fulfillment of God's promise.

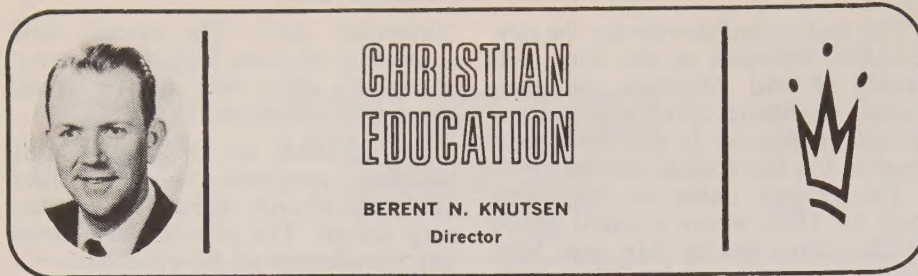
The 11,000 square foot structure, which seats 550 and houses a church library, a pastor's

study and a large prayer room, is a vindication of the sacrificial devotion, faith and loyalty of the church's fellowship.

#2. The lovely tower which rises above the surrounding buildings can be seen from any direction throughout the community.

#3. Seated L-R for Dedication Service: R. A. Wilson, Joseph L. Gerhart, Pastor Annas, George J. Davis.





## SUMMER CAMP 1969



BOYS & GIRLS — AGES 9-12

Tahoe (new)	July 7-12
Lassen	July 14-19
Bethany	July 28 - August 2
Silver Spur	August 4-9
JUNIOR HIGH (12-14)—Lassen	July 21-26

### GOD'S TIME — NOW

The hour in which we live offers two alternatives to the church. It can curse the darkness or light a candle. The 400 District Sunday school leaders that attended the Leadership Seminar in Manteca indicated determination to follow the latter course in their church witness and teaching ministry.

From the keynote to the benediction one sensed that the speakers were really communicating. Dr. Gene Scott, the keynote speaker, addressed the entire congregation most succinctly on the need of balance in the church program. The church must emphasize our Pentecostal heritage and produce teachers of the Word. Gene Scott spoke with experience and candor on the Sunday School Organization and Administration and Recruiting and Training Workers. Kenneth Schmidt increased every church's candle power with his message on the Steps to Growth. Irene Abrahamson staurated crowds with her creative ideas for the class, ministering through children's church, and outreach through home Bible clubs. Loretta Kaupanger gave a wealth of ideas on opening worship.

The Sunday school leaders thinking of advancing their program through computer records, the addition of bus routes, or pre-schols, were given real help by able speakers

Roy Hageman, Lee Paino, Paul Seaberg respectively.

It is not enough to know where you want to go. You must motivate your staff. The former Christian Education Director, Fred Greve, gave accurate guidelines for communicating with the staff.

Our Assistant General Superintendent from Springfield, Missouri, T. E. Gannon, shared research and experience in a workshop on Unity in the Home and put the capstone on the seminar with his challenge to move forward for God's time is now.

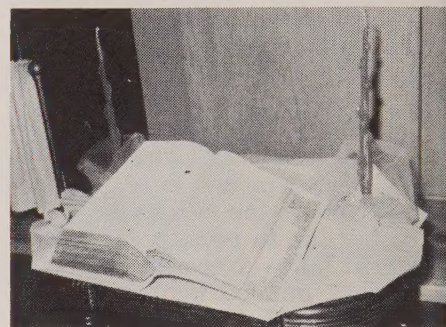
Thanks to the Sunday school superintendents and Directors of Christian Education Commission for the excellent job of organization and administration of the seminar. They are chairman Hans Gregg, secretary Iris Washburn, Ray Swanson, Marvin Barbee, Joe Day, Ken Miller.



### A HANDWRITTEN NEW TESTAMENT

Just a few short centuries ago most people did not read the Bible because it had to be handwritten and copies were scarce. In an age when most people have access to the Bible the people of the Redding Assembly of God wrote it by hand so that it would be read.

The youth went out into the community and asked their neighbors and friends, especially the unsaved, to each write a chapter.



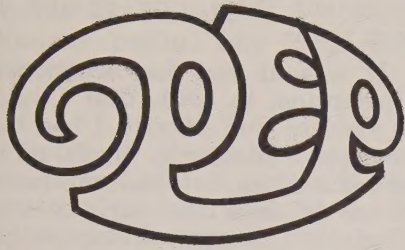
Pastor Parks wrote recently, "Writing this New Testament has sent a spirit of revival in our church and a love for God's Word like nothing I have ever seen."

All the friends who wrote a chapter were invited to a special service to present the finished book. However, since this day happened to fall on the third anniversary of the Parks' pastorate of the Redding Assembly, instead of presenting the Bible to the church as the pastor had intended, the church presented it to the Parks family as a gift.

### V.I.P. VISIT

Our District had the distinct honor of a visit in May by Assistant General Superintendent, Bert Webb; the Editor in Chief of the Church Literature Department, Ralph Harris; and the National Sunday School Secretary, William Kirschke. The purpose of the visit was to gain dialogue between the leaders of our District and these key men from headquarters on matters relating to the Sunday school. All that were able to attend the meetings in Menlo Park, Modesto, Sacramento, and Davis were thrilled at the interest and concern for the needs of our District by our national headquarters. We join together in prayer for these and our other national leaders that share the responsibility of establishing goals and developing programs for Assembly of God believers throughout the nation and the world in behalf of our entire District.





## Prayer and Evangelism Partners!

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These are the comments we are hearing about the new youth program, PEP.

Orders are coming in from all over the state and nation.

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PEP program sample packet, \$2.00.

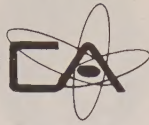
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P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Ca.

## Latin American Summer YMM

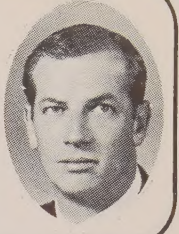
LAST CALL for forty select young people who will spend the month of July in a missionary evangelistic endeavor in San Salvador. The trip will include orientation in Mexico City, jet air travel to San Salvador, a side trip to Guatemala, ministry in rural churches, door-to-door evangelism, and nightly crusade services in a beautiful new 4,000 seat air tent cathedral with Missionaries Elmer and Lee Bueno.

There are still openings for both youth sponsors and team members. Write for further information to: YMM, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060.



## CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

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President



### D-CAP ARGUE RECEIVES NAT'L AWARD FOR DIST. CAS



D-Cap JIM ARGUE receiving the National Speed-the-Light award for the Northern California-Nevada Christ's Ambassadors who ranked 4th in the nation, 1968. Presenting the award is Assistant General Superintendent Rev. T. E. Gannon.



## SUMMER CAMP 1969

July 7-12	Mt. Lassen Senior High (Ages 15-19) . . . .	\$24.00
July 21-26	Bethany C.A. Camp (Ages 12-19) . . . . .	30.00
August 4-9	Sonora Old Oak Ranch C.A. (Ages 12-19)	30.00





# WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON  
President



## WMC DEPARTMENT

Since our space is so limited for Displays during Camp Meeting and the expense of caring for the Displays is a considerable amount, the WMC Executive Board has decided to have our beautiful displays shown in a large auditorium during RETREAT — August 4-7, at Bethany Bible College Retreat.

If you would like to bring boxes of things to the Commissary at Camp Meeting time, this would be wonderful, but we will not have display rooms at the Camp.

## Orangevale WMC, Campbell Soups Provide Food For Korean Orphanage!

Children at the Mountain View Orphanage, Seoul, Korea, giving thanks over the soup sent to them from the Capital Section WMC group.



The WMC ladies from Orangevale Assembly packing cases of Campbell Soups, which are granted to them by the Campbell Soup Company.

"DOWN MEXICO WAY" is our theme for our Penny Project for 1970! Sleeping rooms for the Latin American Orphanage! I trust you are all saving your pennies! The need is great and a little child might find Christ because of *your* help!

## Annual Friendship Award To WMC National Secretary

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On behalf of the boys and girls of Hillcrest Children's Home, who are the recipients of the generosity and loving concern of the ladies of our Missionary Councils throughout America, it is my pleasure to present this Annual Friendship Award to Mrs. Mildred Smuland, National Secretary of the WMCs of the USA. In giving it to you we present it to the seventy thousand ladies of our Women's Missionary Councils who have expressed their interest by contributing \$135,000.00 during the past year for the Benevolences ministries, including the childcare agencies of the Assemblies of God of which Hillcrest is a part. Please share these sentiments with all of our WMCs.

Signed, Chas. W. H. Scott  
*Assistant General Superintendent*

## PLAN FOR LADIES RETREAT!

Plan now to attend our Ladies Retreat! Adele Carmichael, Dean of Women at Evangel College, will be our Evening Speaker and our own Miriam Wright will be our Morning Speaker!

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## From a B.B.C. Student:

Dear Sister Anderson:

I was looking at the Y Convention poster, and began to note back how important these girls' groups had been to me.

It was at the first Missionette Convention, in 1961, that I began to yield to God's Spirit. I had been saved and filled with the Spirit before this time, but had never completely let God have my whole life. Even then, I was already saying, "yes" in lips only.

I remember the night, as if it were yesterday. My girl friend and I had stayed in our rooms, saying we were ill. We heard the music and all, and then there was silence. We wondered why; but soon heard a tone like that of many winds. Girls were lifting their voices in praise and worship. The Spirit of God began to deal with our hearts and soon we found ourselves dressing and running to the Chapel. Oh, what a joyous experience we had! This was only the beginning for me. At that time I felt a Missionary call; but only said 'yes' from my lips. For one year I was torn and troubled each time I knelt to pray. I could never complete the song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." I couldn't pray; but only weep.

Then, the next Camp came, at Mission Springs. I wasn't going to go, but God had other plans.

Again, I remember the night well. God began to deal with my heart. I went to the small building, near the Chapel, to pray. I sat up in the chair and then it happened! My hands went up and my language changed to a heavenly tone. Still I was uneasy, but the Lord knew my inner-most being. It must have been an hour or more that I sat there. Finally, I could take no more, and I found myself saying, "yes," in a tone and way, that I knew I had really meant it this time. This was confirmed by my Advisor, who had been used of God to interpret what I had spoken. I knew what was happening, but this confirmed it!

Today, I am a Senior at Bethany Bible College, and I have always been grateful for those who founded and those who lead the girls groups in our churches.

This letter comes just to let you know a part of what God is — and has been — doing through these programs.



## H. M. Seminar Planned

The annual Home Missions Seminar for Home Missions pastors will be held during the Bethany Park camp meeting on July 1 and 2. Notices will be sent to each Home Missions pastor, but keep these dates open.

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On April 30 Flossie Kaufman sailed from San Francisco on her way to join her husband in the Philippines. It was a day of mingled feelings as she left her youngest daughter, Rilene, who is attending Azusa college. She will stop for a day in Hong Kong with her daughter, Kay, before going on to the Philippines. She will arrive there about May 24 and will be assisting her husband, Riley, in the work of broadcasting the Gospel from Manila.

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Former missionaries, Herbert and Olga Felton, are ministering to the Mexican farm workers. They aim to visit at least fifteen camps each month from May through October. They will be showing two Spanish gospel films by Paul Finkenbinder and two Billy Graham Spanish films in June and July. Much Spanish literature will be given freely and some in Portuguese and English. They hope to sell at least 100 Spanish Bibles.

In August they will have a booth for Spanish and Portuguese gospel literature at the Stanislaus County Fair in Turlock. More than 122,000 people attended this fair last year. The Feltons request earnest prayer for these endeavors.

## PLEASANTON PROJECT:

- #1—Task Force '69 Committee and volunteer workers at preconstruction briefing session and dinner.
- #2—District Officials and Pastor Wendschlag scanning features of the new Pleasanton building.
- #3—Prayer being offered for God's blessing upon the Pleasanton Project.



## HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON  
Director of  
Home and Foreign Missions



Lydia Graner writes of a gracious moving of the spirit in revivals that were conducted in three cities of Malabar, South India under the supervision of pastor Chacko. One man with tears flowing down his cheeks rejoiced that all his children had been saved—2 of them college students. As the revival continued more than 45 souls were saved; among them was a young atheist who then brought all his family to hear the Word. As the last revival closed many came forward and said, "Why do you close so soon, we want the Word, you must continue on!" Two young men are continuing on in each city contacting the people, visiting homes and holding services in rented buildings. The difficult task of establishing a church in these cities has just begun and they plead for continued prayer.

## Furlough In Switzerland

A recent letter from Gretchen and David Kast (Wepener, South Africa) tells us they are spending their furlough in beautiful Switzerland. After spending a short time with relatives and getting adjusted they plunged into preparing their slide presentation with its accompanying German tape recordings. They began the first stage of their itineration in early February. Mail will reach them at Vogelsangstr. 23, 8006 Zurich, Switzerland.

## Locate In Villa

Paul and Miriam Wright moved in to Pacific Mission Villa in Santa Cruz the first of May. Their son, Mervin, is with them and they recently enjoyed a brief visit with Oren and his wife when he had a short leave from the service. The Wrights are having a short and busy furlough as they plan to be back in Africa by the middle of September. They have been pioneering a work in Rhodesia and feel the necessity to return soon.

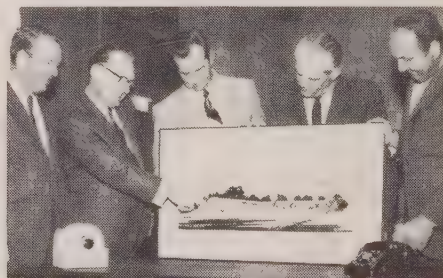
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Having finished language study in Costa Rica, Elmer and Lee Bueno are moving to El Salvador. Their address is Apartado 1133, San Salvador, El Salvador, C.A. Elmer will be supplying for his brother John while he and his family are home on furlough. He will also continue his ministry of evangelism with his portable tabernacle.

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Mel Grams writes that their new term of Bible school at Rustenburg, South Africa opened with forty four students enrolled. He also reports that they dedicated a new church in the Rustenburg district in March. Their building project is also still moving ahead.

MORE MISSIONS ON PAGE 14







## MENS FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE  
President



### RANGERS TOURNAMENT

The largest tournament ever conducted in Rangers and the biggest crowd to attend any athletic event occurred recently and the entire day was a huge success.

Thirteen teams were entered in the semi-finals and then in the afternoon the finals were held with the winners given trophies designating them as "District Champions" for 1969 season.

Winners in their categories are as follows:

Pioneers: First Assembly of God, Auburn.

Trailblazers: Glad Tidings, San Francisco.

Air/Sea: First Assembly of God, Manteca.

Referees for the day were three young men that were pressed into duty when the professional referees did not attend, and the young men did an outstanding job. They were Steve Malkemus, Larry Toliver, and Ray Guitierrez.

Commander Jim Sexton, Rangers District Recreation Aide, was in charge of the entire day.

Deputy District Commander Herb Ellingwood was the senior officer attending the tournament.

## COLE'S CORNER

*Good bye . . .*

*God bless you.*

### FRONTIERSMAN CAMPING FRATERNITY

Results of a recent election of the "FCF" Officers are now being announced. They are:

Commander David Baker Sr.,  
President

Commander Harold Knox,  
Vice-President

Commander Ed Anderson, Scribe  
Commander Paul Johnson,  
"Mr. Frontiersman"

These men are those who have met the very strict qualifications of membership and have been inducted through an initiation ceremony into this elite company of Commanders and Rangers in the organization of Royal Rangers in Northern California and Nevada.

### CAMPOREE

June 1 is the deadline for reservations to the Central Camporee being held again at Lost Ridge near Oakland.

This year's theme of "Prospecting" and the "Gold Rush" is providing one of the most intriguing and interesting programs that have ever been conducted with a Camporee program.

The conduct, skills, knowledge, practice, of Rangers lore and life is being called upon and each Ranger is part of a team effort to do its best for Outpost and Church. Every Commander should have his Camporee information in hand and have taught his Rangers by now.

So . . . if not too late . . .  
**ATTEND!**

### GIANTS BASEBALL

July 8 and August 12 are the dates for Giants Baseball games this year where the Royal Rangers attend absolutely free.

There is one stipulation — they must be registered with the District Royal Rangers office — and the form of registration must be brought to the game before any one can attend.

This year the Giants baseball club has allowed 2,000 to attend each game.

Which means that if there are those boys of Ranger age who are not yet involved in this program — this is a good time and place to give them something to interest them.

For registration, write Box 961, Santa Cruz, and simply say, "Giant's Game."

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### 55 GRADUATE FROM BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

Fifty-five students were graduated from Bethany Bible College on May 24 with a Bachelor of Science degree. They were as follows:

Milton Dale Ahola  
(Magna Cum Laude)  
Alex Akimoff  
Helen Marie Alvarado  
Wanda Ruth Bartram  
Darrel David Bengtson  
Karen Denise Blackwood  
David Gerald Boyd  
Wayne O. Brockman  
Dennis Mark Carrington  
Gary J. Bryant  
Beatrice Fay Carter  
Angel Chavez  
Anna Lucille Clark  
Willard E. Coleman  
Patsy Kay Dittner  
Veronica Engelbrecht  
Curtis Lyndall Erickson  
(Cum Laude)  
Rani (Rina) Eva Gratreak  
Atsuko Beth Hashimoto  
Marilyn Dee Huffman  
Richard A. Hopping  
Carolyn Paulette Jarrett  
Harold Lynd Johnson  
Mary Jane Johnson  
Wilma Elaine Johnson

Robert Dwayne Leonard  
Stanley E. Lindvall  
Rosemary Lutao  
Claire Macfarlane  
Ernest James Meyers  
Joseph M. Meyers  
David Garth Morris (Cum Laude)  
Ruth D. Piolo  
Joseph Portale III (Cum Laude)  
Jan Christian Pretorius  
(Cum Laude)  
Brenda Sue Rumbaugh  
Susan Grace Sapp  
Fred D. Schindler  
David Wayne Stamback  
Kevin Frederick Smith  
(Cum Laude)  
Kenneth Ray Stacy  
Donald K. Stephens  
Clayton R. Strohschein  
Ramon Keith Talley  
Emmeline Tashnick  
Billy Gean Taylor  
V. Steven Tedrow  
Mary Ann Thomas  
Donna Lee Todd  
Carl K. Verhulst  
Patricia A. Weaver  
Robert Allen Wine  
David Timothy Wright  
Kenneth Ivan Wynkoop  
Dorcas Yen

### THE BETHANAIREs

Fourteen states and approximately ten thousand miles lie before five Bethany Bible College students known as the Bethanaires. These Collegians will represent the school in a summer of musical ministry. The group is composed of Steve Bransford, Hermiston, Oregon; Carl Peters, Yuba City, California; Cheryl Klinsky, Watsonville, California; Kathy Watkins, Yuba City, California; and Beverly Brown, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This year's tour will originate from Santa Cruz on June 1 and culminate August 8. The Bethanaires will visit some sixty-five churches in ten weeks, averaging at least six performances each week. They will travel as far east as Missouri, coming back thru the southwestern states.

Chosen from among the top musical talent of the College, the Bethanaires will sing a variety of music,



including some contemporary works as well as other styles. Solos and duets will comprise a segment of the repertory.

Traveling with the team will be the Reverend Ray Shelton, Director of Student Ministries at the College. He will be replaced midway through the tour by the Reverend Norman Arnesen, faculty member and Chairman of the Division of Bible and Theology.



## MORE MISSIONS

FROM PAGE 11

### Furlough Set

Alex and Ann Shevchuk, Philipines, expect to start their furlough on June 24. They will go together as far as Hong Kong, then Ann and the children will fly home and Alex will go for a short visit to Russia. On his way he plans to stop in Calcutta, India and in the Holy Land for a couple of days. From Europe he will go to Russia for two or three weeks and will minister in the church in Kiev which has over a thousand members. He will minister in some of the Russian churches of the east coast of the United States before returning to this district.

He writes, "The Chinese work here in Manila is doing fine; we are preparing to have another water baptismal service soon. Our other activities besides daily radio ministry is assisting several groups in church construction. We are helping to build a church in Guiuan, Samar where both Ann and myself with our parents were refugees. We purchased a choice lot of 4,000 square meters on the main street of Guiuan almost across the street from the city hall. Pray with us that the building will be finished before we go home on furlough. We are also helping with a church construction in Malolos, Bulacan. This is the capital city of

the province where our stations are located. The city is only about one hour's ride from Manila. The third place is in Supo, Mountain Province. The tribal people have agreed to have a rally meeting where the road ends and after the meetings are over to carry 50 sacks of cement and other building materials over a mountain trail. They will have to walk a good part of the day to a beautiful valley where two rivers meet, and right in the middle of the "V" on a high plateau is the village of Supo. You can see the lot that the Christians have set aside for their church from a good distance as you come into the valley. There is no other church in the valley, not even a Roman Catholic which is strange in this country. Pray with us for these projects."

The first of May, Arthur Lindvall returned from ministering in Mexico and Central America. He spent the month of February teaching and emphasizing total lay participation in the 7 churches of the Tampico area of Mexico. On the second of March they had the usual attendance in the churches (325) but also reached 980 others in 40 branch home Sunday Schools, a total of 1305 (4 times what they were reaching in the churches alone). He also encourages this type of outreach wherever he goes.

In June Mr. Lindvall will be teaching classes in the School of Missions in Springfield after which he and his family will minister in churches in the eastern part of the United States.

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Word from James Stewart tells us he still needs prayer for his body as he has not fully recovered from the whiplash suffered in the accident in April.

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The latter part of April Helen Rye returned to Mexico after a busy and eventful visit to the States. Her new address is Apartado 88, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico.

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This District has four new missionaries who are itinerating in preparation for going to their fields for the first time. They are: Doug Schultz — Africa; Miguel Solla — Mexico; Derrill Sturgeon — Congo; Noah Van Hook — Indonesia. Contacts for services or conventions can be made thru P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060.

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### Encouraging Prospects

Prospects that the Chinese Christian Center in San Francisco will have a permanent location are very promising at this time. Friends are encouraged to make sizeable contributions toward the building fund there. Mrs. Lula Baird and David Lim are available to conduct services in churches interested in rais-

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*\*First Assembly, So. San Francisco,  
Pastor Carl E. Curtright  
Assembly of God, Colusa,  
Pastor John Lockhart  
Assembly of God, Livermore,  
Pastor John B. Warren  
Bethel Assembly, Oakland,  
Pastor Gene Ravan  
First Assembly, Oakland,  
Pastor Paul Schoch  
Bethel Temple, Turlock,  
Pastor Robert Carrington  
Bethel Temple, Sacramento,  
Pastor Clyde Henson*

*\*First Assembly in South San Francisco has received this award each year beginning with 1965.*

Congratulations to these congregations and their pastors in giving to the support of all Assemblies of God ministries. This type of vision in giving is what keeps the over-all work of God progressing in all areas of need and expansion.

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## CHAPLAIN ARDON O. SCHMIDT . . .

. . . recently received his promotion to the rank of Major. He is serving as Brigade Chaplain for the Second Basic Training Brigade at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Congratulations, Chaplain! In reporting concerning his ministry, Ardon says, "This last quarter I had over 80 professions of faith and cannot cease to marvel at the opportunity to reach men for Christ."



Chaplain Schmidt with his Commanding Officer, Mrs. Schmidt and Denise.

## EVANGEL TEMPLE, MARTINEZ . . .

. . . Evangel Temple has concluded a very successful revival with Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Otwell of Dallas, Texas. Although scheduled for only ten days it continued for three and a half weeks. Several were saved, some reclaimed, and several received the Holy Spirit. The anointed ministry in Word and song was greatly appreciated and accepted by all. New families are now attending the

church. Ten new members were added to the church membership and others have made application. The Sunday School showed a marked increase in attendance. *Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sandlin* are our ministers." Reported by Esther Martin, Church Secretary.

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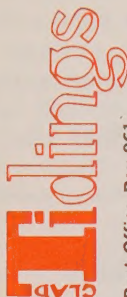
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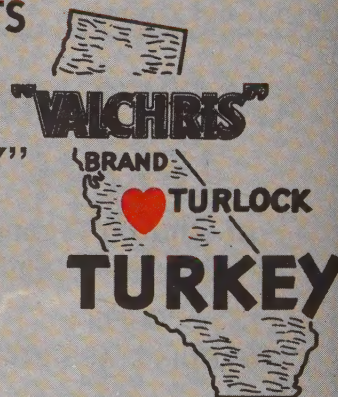
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